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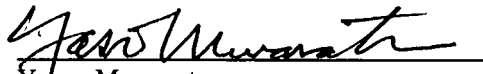
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- (X) Information Disclosure Statement with PTO-1449 form, EPO Search Report & two references.
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, enclosed is a form PTO-1449 listing two references relevant to the subject matter of the above-identified application. A copy of each of the references is also enclosed herewith.

This information disclosure statement is filed after the mailing of the first office action on the merits. However, each item of the prior art information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in the communication from the European Patent Office in the counterpart European patent application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement thus, no fee is required under 37 CFR 1.97(c)(1) and (e). A copy of the search report made by European Patent Office in the counterpart European case is also

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enclosed herewith. An English abstract of the Japanese Patent Publication No. JP 2-303707 is also submitted.


REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests that the references disclosed in the statement be considered in the substantive examination of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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